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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/720,710	Applicant(s) CHAN ET AL.	
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Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: all active.

Identification of prior art discussed: prior art of record.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicants inquire how the examiner interpret the term "topologically continuous" in the claims, and point out the definition at pages 13-14, bridging sentence. Applicants argue that the instant invention differs from the prior art in its topologically continuous feature. The examiner agrees to reconsider, based on the definition in the specification, applicants' argument and evidence to show that prior art and the instant invention are structurally distinct.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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